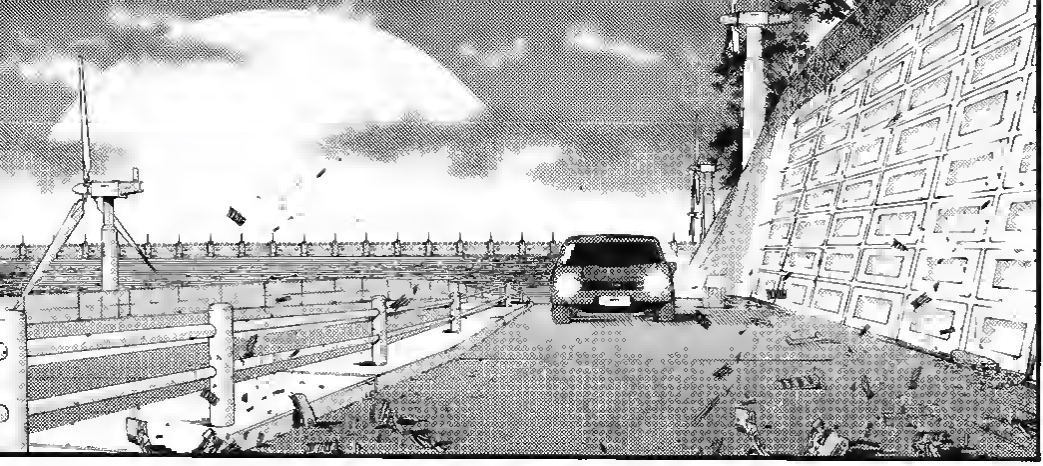
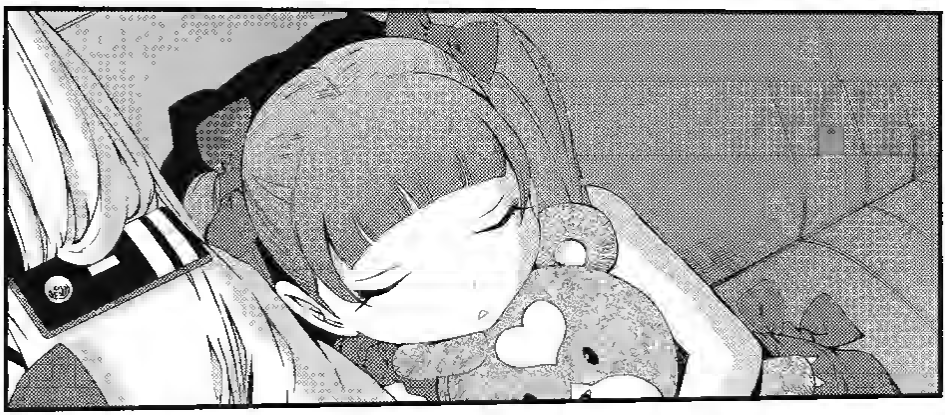
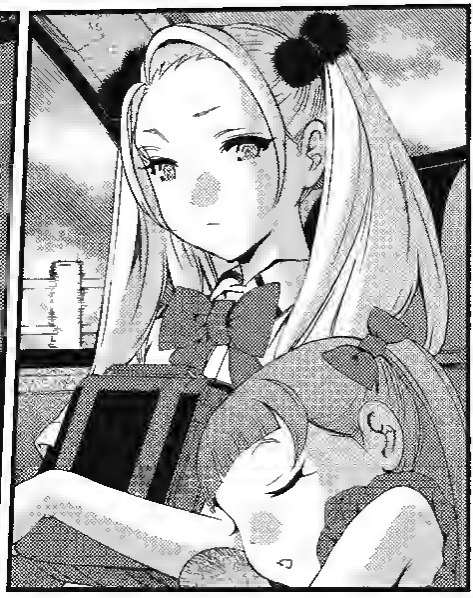
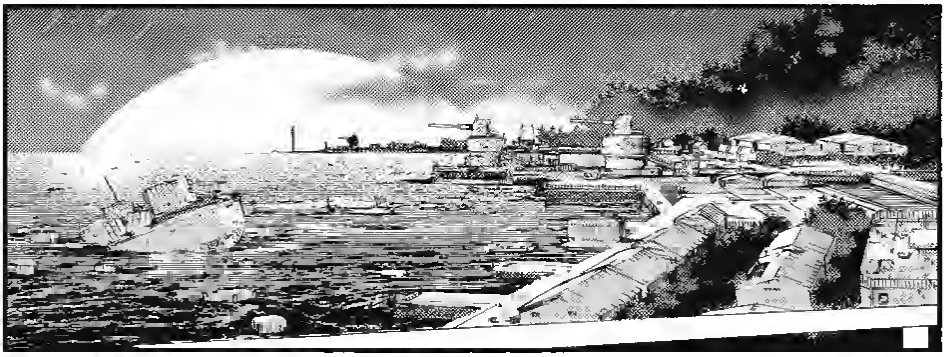
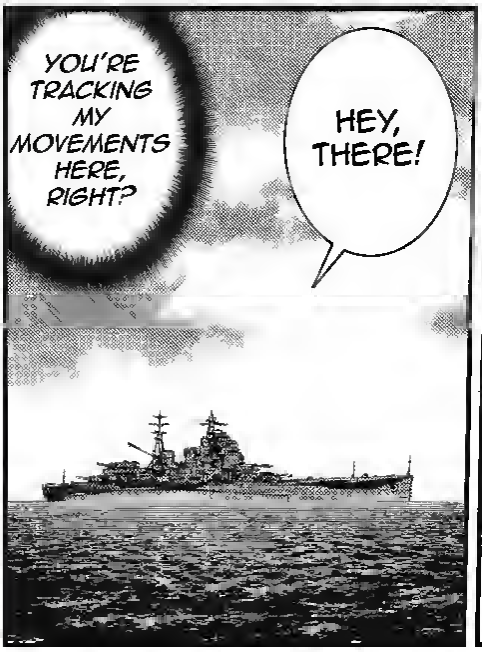
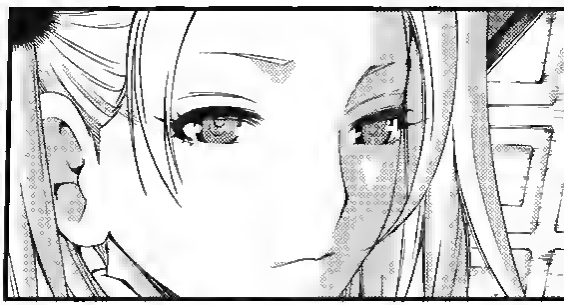


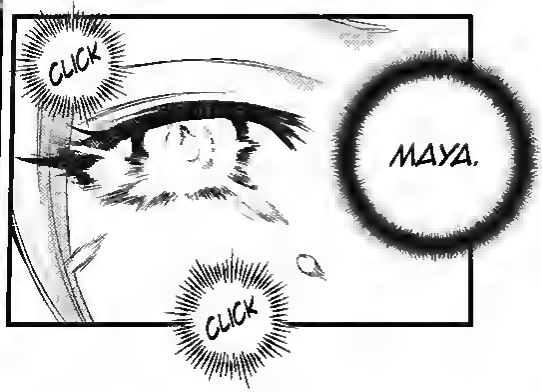







YOU'RE TRACKING MY MOVEMENTS HERE, RIGHT?
HEY, THERE!

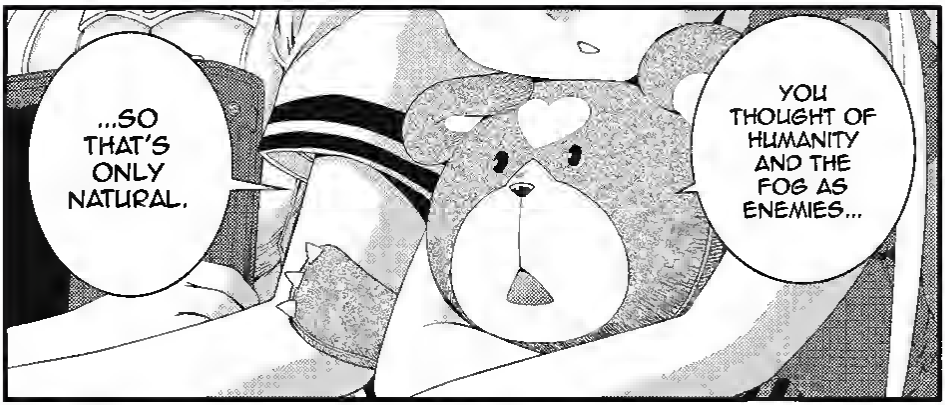



CLICK
MAYA.
CLICK

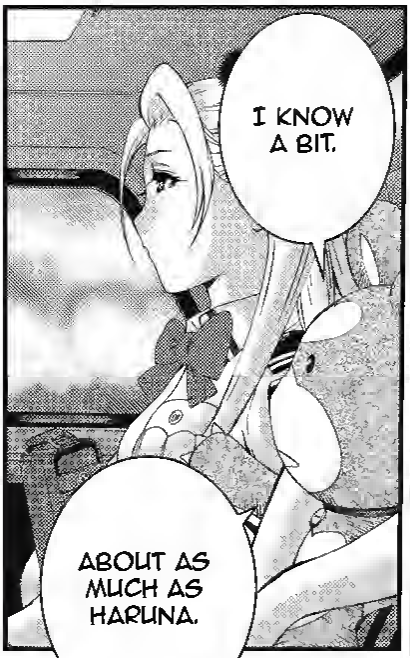
THINGS LOOK GOOD HERE.
FEEL FREE TO GO ON AHEAD TO THE COAST OFF OLD TOKYO BAY AND WAIT FOR ME.
OF COURSE. I CAN SEE YOU CLEARLY.
WEEEAAH
VWEEEEOOOM
MUCH OBLIGED.
ROGER. SEE YOU THERE.
...WHERE FISHERMAN AND PEOPLE WHO WORKED AT THE LIGHTHOUSE LIVED.
THIS AREA WAS TOWN...
THIS AREA...

IT HASN'T BEEN FUNCTIONAL FOR QUITE SOME TIME, I BELIEVE.
THAT'S RIGHT.
THAT'S THE LIGHT-HOUSE?
MOST OF THEM WERE FORCED TO MOVE FURTHER INLAND AS PART OF OUR SECURITY PROTOCOLS.
I COULDN'T SAY...
AND THE FISHER-MEN?
MANY HUMANS HAVE A SPECIAL ATTACH-MENT...
...TO THE PLACE WHERE THEY GREW UP, AFTER ALL.
I SEE.
PERHAPS SOMEONE COULDN'T BEAR TO LEAVE, AND CAME BACK.

DOES SUCH A PLACE EXIST?
WHAT ABOUT WHERE WE GREW UP?
WELL, I SUPPOSE. IN THAT SENSE WE'RE NO DIFFERENT THAN HUMANITY.
PERHAPS THE EARTH COULD BECOME SUCH A PLACE.
...I COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT I WAS HEARING.
WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER ASKED ME TO SEE TO YOUR NEEDS...
INDEED. TO BE HONEST...


YOU THOUGHT OF HUMANITY AND THE FOG AS ENEMIES...
...SO THAT'S ONLY NATURAL.

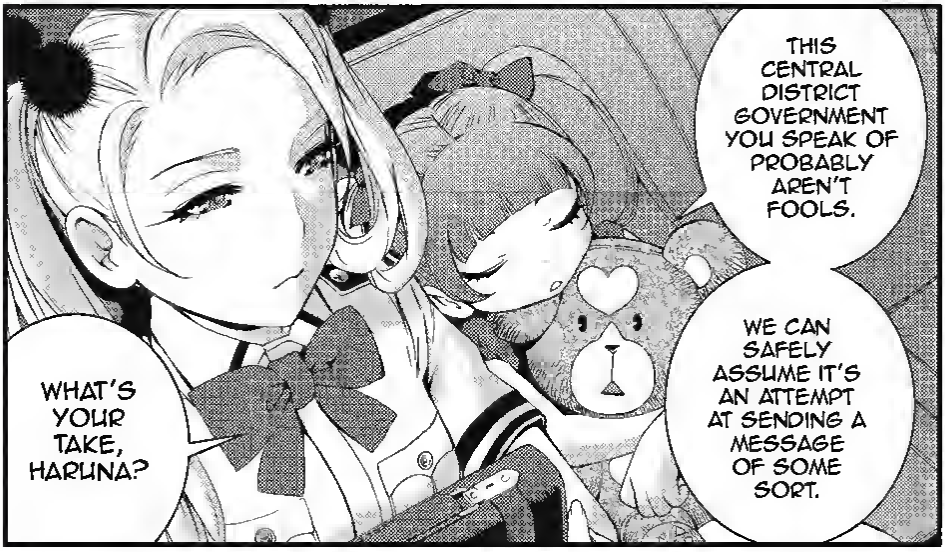
THAT'S PART OF IT...
...BUT AT THE SAME TIME, I WASN'T SURE WHAT TENDING TO YOUR NEEDS WOULD ENTAIL.


I KNOW A BIT.
ABOUT AS MUCH AS HARUNA.

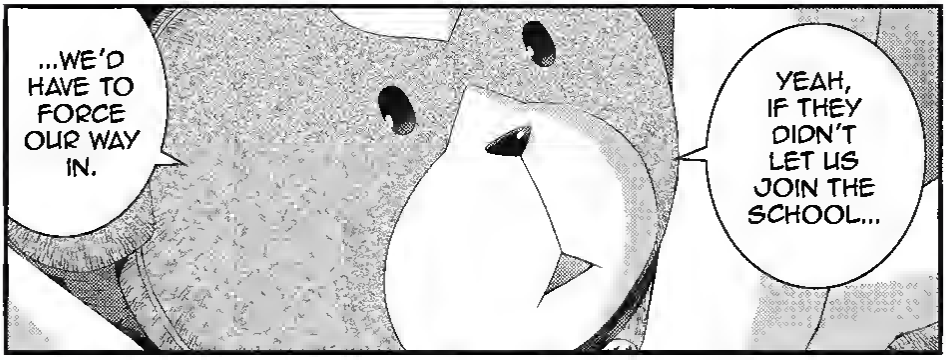
I'M TOLD TO TAKE YOU TO THE MARINE TECHNICAL ACADEMY.
YEAH. THAT'S ONLY NATURAL, AS WELL.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT PLACE IS?

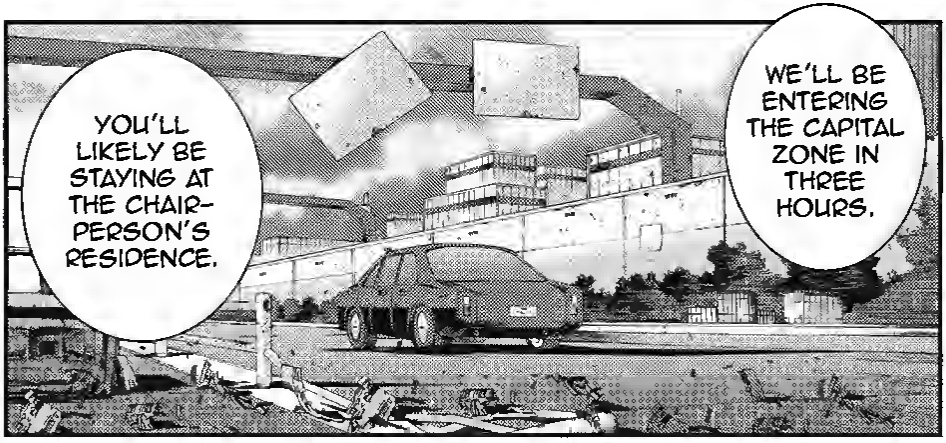
THEN IF THERE ARE ANY DETAILS YOU'RE LACKING...
...FEEL FREE TO ASK ME.
THE CENTRAL DISTRICT GOVERNMENT HANDLES THE ENTRANCE EXAMINA-TIONS...
...AND IT WAS COMPLETED WITH NO INQUIRIES TO ME.
I DON'T KNOW IF ANY EXAMINATION WAS ACTUALLY CONDUCTED.
SO YOU'RE SAYING WE SHOULD ASSUME THAT THE CENTRAL DISTRICT GOVERNMENT KNOWS WHO WE ARE?
CORRECT.

EVEN WITH THE NORTHERN DISTRICT GOVERNMENT'S RECOMMENDATION, THIS IS AN UNUSUAL SITUATION.
NORMALLY THERE ARE INTERVIEWS...
...AND OTHER THINGS THAT MUST BE DONE.


THIS CENTRAL DISTRICT GOVERNMENT YOU SPEAK OF PROBABLY AREN'T FOOLS.
WE CAN SAFELY ASSUME IT'S AN ATTEMPT AT SENDING A MESSAGE OF SOME SORT.
WHAT'S YOUR TAKE, HARUNA?

I WONDER. I THINK THIS MAKES IT HARDER FOR US TO GET CLOSE TO FACILITY FOUR...
...BUT PERHAPS IT'S BETTER THAN BEING REJECTED OUTRIGHT.


...WE'D HAVE TO FORCE OUR WAY IN.
YEAH, IF THEY DIDN'T LET US JOIN THE SCHOOL...


YOU'LL LIKELY BE STAYING AT THE CHAIR-PERSON'S RESIDENCE.
WE'LL BE ENTERING THE CAPITAL ZONE IN THREE HOURS.

....BUT HUMANITY DIS-AGREES.
CORRECT. WE DON'T CONSIDER HUMANITY OUR ENEMIES...

...TO NOT TO LET IT BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE THAT WE'RE FOG.
WE'LL HAVE TO DO OUR BEST AT THE ACADEMY...

...DON'T CONSIDER US ENEMIES?
YOU...
...WAS OBEY THE ONE SET OF LAWS WE HAVE, THE ADMIRALTY CODE.
RIGHT. ALL WE DID...
THE POSTWAR GENERA-TION?
...
THIS INCLUDES JAPAN AS WELL.
THE POSTWAR GENERATION IS GROWING UP ALL OVER THE WORLD.

THE GENERATION THAT WAS BORN AFTER THE GREAT NAVAL WAR...
...OR THOSE...
...WHO WERE TOO YOUNG TO REMEMBER IT.
THE STUDENTS AT THE ACADEMY...
...ARE A PART OF THAT GENERA-TION.
I SEE.
FROM THEIR PERSPEC-TIVE, THE SEAS WERE ALWAYS CLOSED TO US...
...AND JAPAN WAS ALWAYS POOR.
THEY HAVE A DIFFERENT SENSE OF HOW THINGS ARE...
...VERSUS THEIR PARENTS' GENERA-TION.

YOU HAVE EXISTED...
...SINCE THEY WERE BORN.
INDEED.
IT WILL BE INTEREST-ING TO SEE.
HOW WILL THEY VIEW YOU? WHAT WILL THEY THINK?

IN OUR FUTURE...
I'M INTERESTED AS WELL.
...AND HUMANITY'S.
ZSSSSSH

I FIGURED YOU'D BE HERE.
ZSSSSSH
MY LOCATION IS CONSTANTLY BEING UPDATED TO THE TACTICAL NETWORK.
YOU CAN FIND ME INSTANTLY.
"LOOKING FOR SOMEONE" IS ACTUALLY A VERY DEEP SUBJECT.

HUH.
YOU NEED TO THINK A GREAT DEAL ABOUT YOUR TARGET OR YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND THEM.
I SEE.
NO... I JUST THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE NICE TO SEE HOW OUR WORLD LOOKS FROM ANOTHER WORLD.
DOESN'T SEEM MUCH LIKE IT...
IS THIS PLACE... FUN?
I'VE COME HERE MANY TIMES...
...AND I DON'T REALLY KNOW.
THE LAND CLEARLY ISN'T OUR WORLD.
I WANTED TO SEE HOW OUR WORLD... THE OCEAN... LOOKS FROM HERE.

...TO GUNZOU CHIHAYA, I WONDER?
WHAT DID IT LOOK LIKE...
...BUT I'M SURE...
I DON'T KNOW...
...HE DIDN'T DISLIKE IT...
I'M SURE...

I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO DISCUSS WITH YOU.
400 HAS PICKED UP MAYA'S ACOUSTIC PATTERN.
ANYWAY, COME HOME.
PERHAPS SO.
SHE'S FINALLY HERE, HUH?
SO...
SHE'S ACQUIRED A GREAT DEAL OF EXPERIENCE POINTS AS WELL, IT SEEMS.
EVEN MY OLDER SISTER ALMOST FAILED TO DETECT HER, SHE SAYS.
MAYA PICKED HER EQUIPMENT LOADOUT VERY CAREFULLY.
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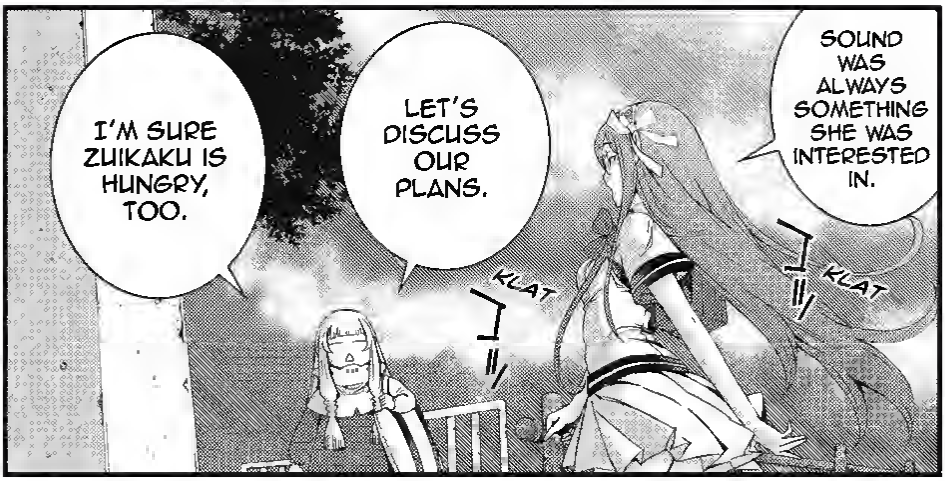
I'M SURE ZUIKAKU IS HUNGRY, TOO.
LET'S DISCUSS OUR PLANS.
SOUND WAS ALWAYS SOMETHING SHE WAS INTERESTED IN.
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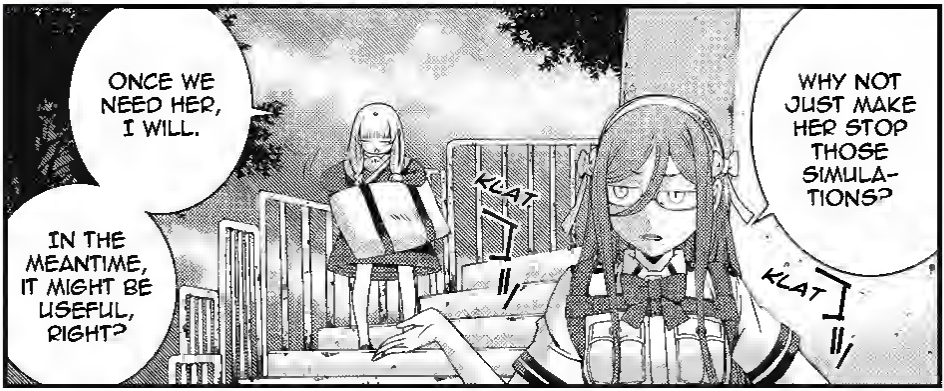
ONCE WE NEED HER, I WILL.
IN THE MEANTIME, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL, RIGHT?
WHY NOT JUST MAKE HER STOP THOSE SIMULA-TIONS?
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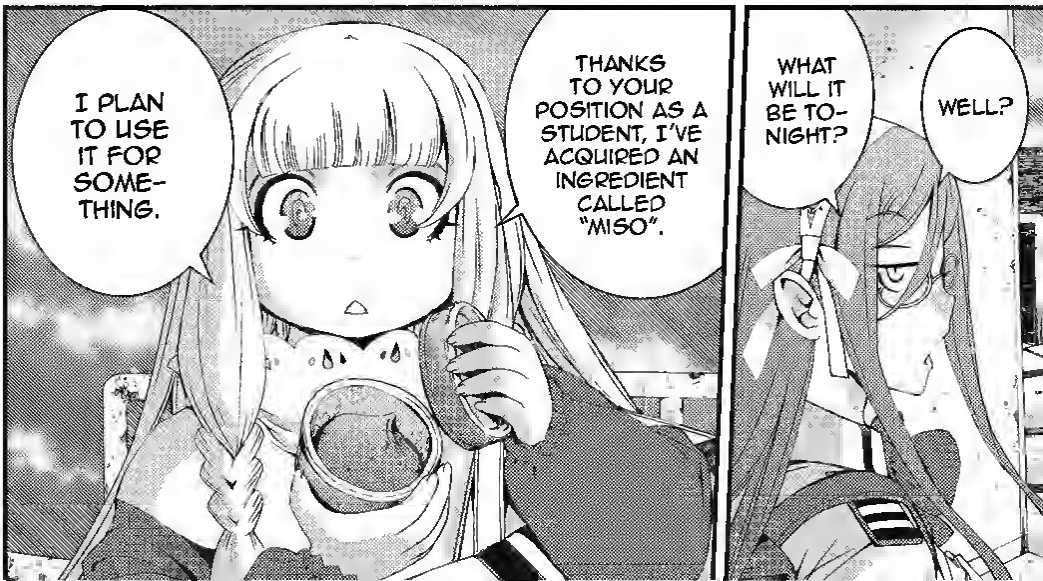
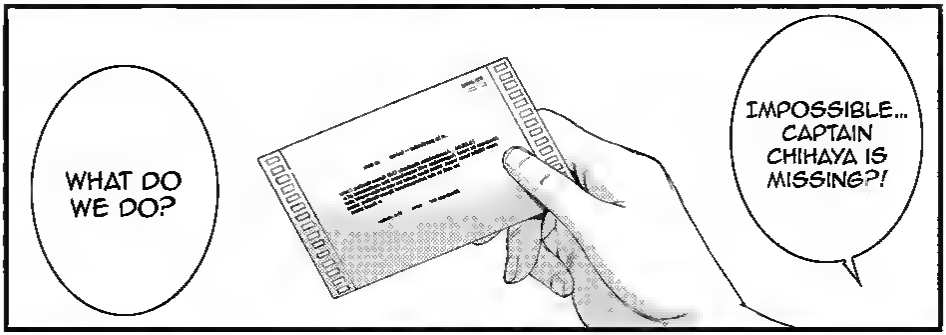

I PLAN TO USE IT FOR SOME-THING.
THANKS TO YOUR POSITION AS A STUDENT, I'VE ACQUIRED AN INGREDIENT CALLED "MISO".
WHAT WILL IT BE TO-NIGHT?
WELL?


WHAT DO WE DO?
IMPOSSIBLE... CAPTAIN CHIHAYA IS MISSING?!

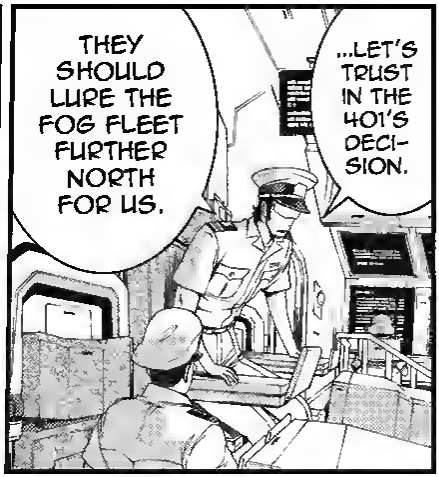
AFTER-WARD, THE SUPPORT UNITS OF THE FIRST PATROL FLEET...
...WHICH WE BELIEVE WERE SENT AFTER THE 401, ALL SHUT DOWN.

SONAR REPORTS HAVE PICKED UP A HUGE SUPER-GRAVITY CANNON STRIKE.
401 IS PROPOSING THAT WE CONTINUE THE MISSION.

OUR LATEST INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THEY'VE RESTARTED AS OF FIVE MINUTES AGO...
...AND ARE HEADING NORTH TO REUNITE WITH THE MAIN FLEET.

AND THE FLAGSHIP KONGOU?
UN-KNOWN.
...

AND SO...
...WE ARE TO PLUNGE THROUGH THE OPEN-ING THEY CREATED AND GO TO AMERICA?


...LET'S TRUST IN THE 401'S DECI-SION.
THEY SHOULD LURE THE FOG FLEET FURTHER NORTH FOR US.

YES.

I'LL INFORM HER. OUR VESSEL WILL CHANGE COURSE AS PLANNED.
GO SILENT UNTIL WE GET WITHIN 60 KM OF OUR TARGET POSITION. THERE WE'LL START HEADING FOR AMERICA.
WHAT SHALL WE TELL ENSIGN-EQUIVALENT HIBIKI?

ROGER.

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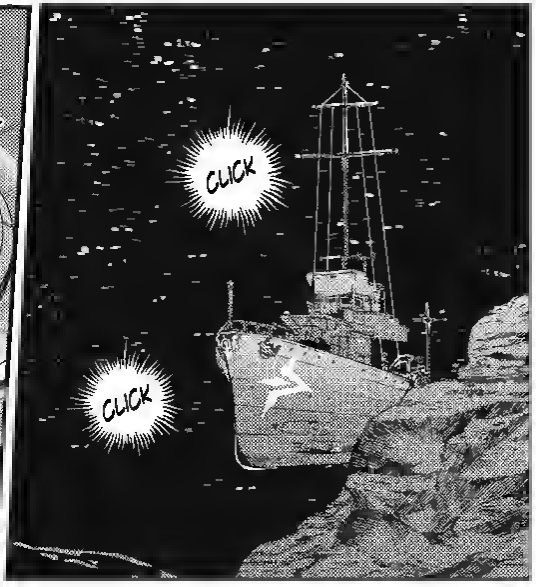
DID YOU HEAR THAT?


CLICK
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CLANG
THAT'S RIGHT...
CLANG
THEY'RE ON THE MOVE, AREN'T THEY?
CLANG